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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT - COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED MESSAGE. OUR EXPERIENCES WITH PREVIOUS VISITS TELLS US THAT SAUDI GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING SOME OF REQUESTED REQUIREMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE PERTAINING TO TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD (PARA 4 REFTEL). SECONDLY, SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS NOT IN PAST OPENED GUEST PALACE, WHERE PRESIDENT TO BE HOUSED, UNTIL DAY BEFORE VISIT; AND THEY HAVE BEEN INSISTENT THAT NO FACILITIES BE INSTALLED IN PALACE THAT WOULD MAR OR ALTER BUILDING OR ITS FURNISHINGS.

2. IN PREVIOUS VISITS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES HAVE BEEN SET UP IN U.S. MILITARY TRAINING MISSION COMPOUND. THIS HAS HAD ADVANTAGES 1) OF BEING ON MAJOR ORTERY OF CITY, 2) OF PROVIDING LARGE AREA WITH SECURITY AND LIMITED ACCESS, AND 3) OF OFFERING LIMITED HOUSING AND FULL DINING FACILITIES ON LOCATION FOR COMMUNICATORS.

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3. BELIEVE, IN VIEW OF DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THOSE FACILITIES REQUESTED AND THOSE AVAILABLE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR VISIT BY KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUAL SUCH AS MEL BAREFOOT WHO COULD FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH LOCAL SITUATION AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. REGARDING QUESTION IN PARA 8 REFTEL, THERE ARE NO HOLIDAYS

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BEFORE VISIT WHICH WOULD AFFECT INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT
ONCE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH SAUDIS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL
DATE OF COMMUNICATION TEAM AS HOTEL SPACE IS EXTREMELY SCARCE.

6. WE WISH TO BE OF AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE
ADVISE.
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